

mer secretary to Commissioner Enright, on a charge of neglect of duty. The pointable part of the testimony of two policemen was that they found Mr. Porter in the room of a woman of the underworld, and that Porter revealed his identity and prevailed upon the policemen not to arrest the woman.

"Mr. Porter was tried for neglect of duty and the jury disagreed.

"John C. Hackett, who succeeded Mr. Porter as secretary to Commissioner Enright, was charged by Deputy Police Commissioner O'Grady with having spirited an oil promoter out of his office when Mrs. O'Grady went there to arrest the oil promoter on the charge of assaulting her. Mrs. O'Grady charged that her work—which consisted largely of protecting the morals of children—was being interfered with; that the "Police Department was run by politics and that she could not remain in her position and retain her independence and self-respect.

"The police policy with respect to the administration of the Police Department, which was made known to the public by Mr. Bugher when he was removed three years ago, has resulted under Enright in what Mayor President Henry Curran aptly characterized as a nightmare of murder and robbery.

yet this Police Commissioner referred to this unparalleled orgy of crime in jesting tones, saying that the crooks needed money to buy Christmas presents for their girls.

Charges Made by Bugher

"It is proper to recall the charges made in a letter to the Mayor by Police Commissioner Bugher on the day Hyman forced him out of office. In brief the charges were:

"1. That Mayor Hyman wanted Bugher to run the department on advice from a subordinate whom Hyman designated.

"2. That Hyman suggested that Bugher name Hyman's chum, Joseph Solovoi, as Deputy Police Commissioner in place of the same Solovoi who has been described on the court records of this city as counsel for the pickpockets' trust and is now awaiting trial on a charge of bribe and racketeering.

"3. That Hyman sent his brother-in-law, Patrolman Irving O'Hara (who is now touring Europe, presumably at the city's expense), to Bugher with instructions to appoint a certain man property clerk.

"4. That Hyman dictated the appointment of an assistant property clerk.

"5. That Hyman gave orders to Deputy Police Commissioners over Bugher's head.

"6. That Hyman tried to be the actual Police Commissioner.

Immediately after Commissioner Bugher's removal Enright was named Police Commissioner. His record in the department is well known and needs no comment. "Smooth Dick" he was aptly called, and one of Enright's first acts was to name as his secretary Augustus Drum Porter, now awaiting a second trial.

"Hamstrings" Vice Squad

"The next act of Enright was to hamstring the vice squad, which was charged with the specific duty of suppressing gambling houses and dens of vice. And it was reported at the time that the gamblers of the city were possessed of the knowledge for days in advance of the proposed demolition of "Honest Dan" Costigan, head of the vice squad.

"The demolition of Costigan from inspector to captain and his removal from head of the vice squad was the first bit of real cheer the gamblers and keepers of disorderly houses had had in about eight years.

"After he had resigned, as a protest against Costigan's demotion, Deputy Police Commissioner Goff, in a public statement, charged that before Enright demoted "Honest Dan" the Police Commissioner had crippled the activities of the vice squad by refusing to advance it money for expenses to carry on investigations into vice conditions.

"While the newspapers, civic organizations and churchmen were protesting against the sacrifice of "Honest Dan," Police Commissioner Enright named Augustus Drum Porter as successor to Deputy Police Commissioner Goff.

"The newspapers then began to talk of graft in the police department. Stories were published that crime was on the increase, that favoritism and politics were demoralizing the department, and that Enright was suppressing the reports of crime.

"Enright's reply was most cowardly. He charged that certain newspaper writers were in league with the denizens of the underworld, and when publicly called upon by the newspapers to give names, he kept silent. This vicious attack on members of a honorable profession, who have been largely responsible for disclosing the graft and corruption which exists in various departments of the Hyman administration, bespeaks the man. But in doing this, Enright was merely taking his cue from Hyman.

"And while Enright was uttering his base charges, grand juries brought in indictments against members of his force—favorites of the department—on the charge of extorting money from fallen women.

"These favorites were on the staff of Police Inspector Dominick Henry, who was himself shortly after indicted on a charge of perjury.

"A few weeks ago the Mayor's right-hand man, David Hirschfeld, Commissioner of Accounts, was also indicted. Let the Mayor continue him in office.

"At the time of the indictment of Hirschfeld, subpoenas issued by the

Burglar Leaves \$100,000 Loot As Face on Canvas Scares Him

Special Dispatch to The Tribune

CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—William T. Cresmer, art connoisseur and newspaper representative, has a painting in his valuable collection that he has feared for years would be stolen. But the picture, the portrait of a ferocious gentleman, not only was not stolen but actually so frightened a burglar that he fled last night, leaving \$100,000 of loot in silver and jewels. Mr. Cresmer himself tells the story.

The portrait is known as "The Head of a Panther," and is by Frank Duveneck. The painting portrays a fierce looking gentleman and is done in the bold style of the great artist. It is similar to the "Man in a Spanish Coat," shown in a recent Sunday issue of The New York Tribune.

The painting hangs in the dressing room of Mr. and Mrs. Cresmer. The room is small and opens onto a sleeping porch. Last night Mr. Cresmer and a wife returned to their home about 12 o'clock. They had been to a dance and Mrs. Cresmer was nervous and

tired and could not sleep. About 3 o'clock she noticed a light twinkling through the curtains of the dressing room door. On the sleeping porch is a row of buttons which turn on the individual lights over the \$100,000 collection of paintings in the home.

Mrs. Cresmer, wanting to see who might be in the room, touched the button that sheds a light over the Duveneck masterpiece.

As the light flashed on, revealing the 17' sized portrait of the terrible individual in the picture frame, the burglar whirled around and stood for a second, pop-eyed. He then dropped the jewel casket in his hand, gave a cry and darted down the steps four at a time.

He had opened the front door after his entrance, so that he could get away in case of trouble. He darted through the door and was still in the darkness. Mr. Cresmer fired two shots after the hurriedly retreating figure, but he is not sure whether they ever caught up with the fugitive.

The burglar in his hasty flight from before the image of the knight of yesterday had left a large quantity of silver on the dining room table that he had carefully tied up in a table cloth.

and his present office—to Mr. Murphy, the Tammany Hall leader, as does Mayor Hyman.

With these facts known to the public, it is no wonder that the decent element of the city and state are demanding that the Legislature investigate the departments—city, county and state—of which the Hyman administration is the most corrupt administration in its history."

Southern Rail President Seized on Theft Charge

Thomas J. Barrett Arrested Here on Albany Warrant Alleging Larceny of \$8,000

Thomas J. Barrett, who is said to be president of a small railroad in the South and head of a coal concern in Pittsburgh, was arrested last night, charged with larceny, at his apartment, 540 Riverside Drive, and was locked up in the West 125th Street station.

The arrest was made by Detectives Patrick Geary and Frank Teed on a warrant issued by Justice James J. Brady, of Albany, July 23, 1917, in which it was charged that Barrett and a fugitive from justice, according to the police the alleged larceny of \$8,000 led to the arrest being made. The police say that Barrett disappeared in 1916, and it was not until recently that it became known that the railroad man and coal operator was the man who was being sought. The warrant is said to have been brought to New York by W. F. Hinnan. The transaction which led to the arrest is alleged to concern the W. C. Faxton Coal Company, of Albany. Hinnan, who was stopping at the Hotel Woodstock, could not be found last night.

Barrett is forty-nine years old and has a wife and two children, who were with him when he was arrested. He says the arrest is due to a business matter which can be cleared up satisfactorily.

Girl Trolls For Burglar And Gets Him

Bertha exhorted, "blow that whistle and blow it hard."

Shrill Blasts Pierced the Air

Miss Marie tumbled out of bed and blew the whistle till the early morning stillness of Twenty-first Street was broken beyond repair and Miss Marie's rory cheeks almost red.

The burglar squirmed and, or Miss Bertha so imagined, made as though to lower his upraised arms. The omnibus, shiny, hard, cold metal object took deeper root in his rough neck.

"Behave!" ordered Miss Bertha.

Meanwhile the shrill whistle blasts had been borne to the ear of Patrolman William Eberhart and he came running up the sidewalk. Miss Marie's white arm beckoned him.

"Coming," shouted Patrolman Eberhart and bounded upstairs.

"Draw your pistol," Miss Bertha warned the policeman as he entered the door. Eberhart covered the captive with his revolver. Miss Bertha drew a sigh of relief.

"Gee," remarked the man in the Morris chair, "ain't one gun enough, lady? You got me pretty much to rights yourself."

"Oh, but hol you fannu burglar!" trilled Miss Bertha, and, walking around in front of him, displayed the terrifying, ominous, shiny, hard, cold metal object full to his astonished gaze.

Burglar Registers Surprise

"Well, I'll be darned," said the burglar, or words to that effect.

"And so will I," said Patrolman Eberhart.

The article Miss Bertha held aloft and which had enabled her to subdue the intruder was a silver spoon.

"I got it for Christmas," she explained as the policeman was putting some nice bracelets on the burglar's wrists, preparatory to taking him to the West Twentieth Street station.

"The chased design on the handle is particularly fine, don't you think?"

"Ye-eh," said the burglar.

At the station house the prisoner said he was Michael Amio, of Daberville, N. Y. According to the police, he admitted he had a record and was out on parole. Twenty-five keys were found on him.

Later in the day Miss Bertha appeared against Amio in Jefferson Market court. Magistrate Cobb held him in \$2,500 bail for the grand jury.

As a Jefferson Market prison attendant started to lead Amio to a cell Miss Bertha detained them.

"Are you sure he'll have enough to eat?" she inquired, anxiously. "I could send him over something."

The attendant assured her Amio would be adequately fed on the coarse but wholesome prison fare.

"It's all the same to me," said the prisoner, "as long as you don't feed me with a spoon."

Man and Woman Killed By Gas on New Year Call

Joseph Sullivan, of 418 Fortieth Street, and Mrs. Grace Timby, of 332 Fifth Street, both of Brooklyn,

La Guardia Calls for Removal of Enright

Aldermanic President F. H. La Guardia placed himself on record last night in favor of the removal of Richard E. Enright as Police Commissioner. His words were:

"I have not the power to remove the present Police Commissioner. He does not come under my department. Personally, however, I believe a change would be most wholesome."

They were uttered at the Public Forum in the Church of the Ascension, Fifth Avenue and Tenth Street, in response to a query from one of his auditors after Mr. La Guardia had spoken on "What New York Should Do for New Year."

were found dead from fumes of illuminating gas early yesterday morning in the home of James Howard, 2226 Septuaginta Avenue Brooklyn. Sullivan had charge of the messengers in a Manhattan broker's office, where Howard was a messenger, and he and Mrs. Timby called just as Howard and his wife were going out to make a call Saturday night.

The Howards told the unexpected guests to make themselves at home and they would be back before midnight. It was 1 a. m., however, when the Howards returned, and they found both their guests dead from gas which had escaped from a water tube.

Louis C. Dorfman was overcome by gas escaping from an unlighted burner while reading in his home, 647 Eighty-fourth Street, Brooklyn, and was dead when found.

A bankbook showing approximately \$4,000 on deposit to her credit in the Irving National Bank was discovered in the room of Mary A. Hart, fifty years old, of 107 East 126th Street, who was found dead at her home yesterday afternoon of gas poisoning. According to the police, Mrs. Hart committed suicide. She had been employed as a laundress. So far as known, she had no relatives in this country.

Two Flee Reform School Scale Wall at Elmira With Ladder They Had Secreted

ELMIRA, N. Y., Jan. 2.—Gaining their freedom in an unusually daring way, two inmates of the state reformatory here escaped at dusk tonight, scaling the walls with a ladder secretly secreted in a courtyard. The fugitives are Harold Montgomery, nineteen years old, committed from Albany in June last, and Joseph Lunding, twenty years old, committed from Buffalo in October, 1920.

Cremated in Burning Home

HAMPTON, N. J., Jan. 2.—Mervin Auphaug was burned to death this afternoon, when his home here was destroyed by fire. His family was away for the holidays. He was subject to heart attacks and is believed to have upset a lamp when stricken by one of them. His body was recovered tonight. He was fifty-eight years old.

Risk Firms To Have Own Detectives

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perly by allowing real detectives to devote their time to real complaints.

"Something The Tribune has not heretofore touched on is that the abolition of the special squads made it impossible to handle special cases, such as the Italian murder the other day on Chrystie Street. I know that in a similar case a prominent Italian was murdered, undoubtedly as the result of a vendetta, and the detective who was assigned to the case was named Murphy. He was unable to speak a word of Italian. He looked Irish, and when he tried to get the Italians in the section to talk, despite the fact that they could talk perfect English, they took advantage of his ignorance of their race to merely reply: 'Me no speak d'Engleish.'

Return Cray and Faurot

"Here you have a concrete example of how necessary it is to have experts to get results. Under the present administration you have the experts, but they are not assigned to their specialties. I know and can say without fear of contradiction that a certain pickpocket expert is now assigned to investigate larcenies, while one of the greatest safe and left thief experts in New York is now doing pickpocket duty in a work which is entirely foreign to his training.

"But back Cray and Faurot, now deputy commissioners, to their regular tasks of detecting and preventing crime. Their present duties simply make those who know laugh themselves sick and destroy every vestige of pep in either of the experts. Cray and Faurot know more about crime and criminals than any set of men in the country. Why not keep them at it?

"Have your Commissioner permit the burglary insurance investigators to be present at the 'line-up' of crooks every morning; have the Commissioner give the burglary insurance investigators some peace officer powers such as granted to special patrolmen who have the power to arrest, and give the investigators the right to check up the lost and recovered record at headquarters and you thereby create an auxiliary detective force which will ultimately prove its value.

"Suspend the Sullivan act for two months so that decent citizens can buy a gun and then advise the local police precinct, instead of having to wait as now for two weeks before an application to carry a gun is acted upon. A citizen should have the right to constitute himself into a committee to observe law and order and protect his property as long as he notices the police.

Urges New Police Fleet

"Is there a crime wave? Well, I live in Queens and I don't mind telling you that I am worried all day as to what is happening to my wife and kiddies. Crimes of the most vicious character

are happening every day about my home.

"There's only one answer to the situation—a new Police Commissioner and a return to the days of Woods."

Mr. Luisi is an advocate of crime prevention and he believes the Commissioner should revive the staff of men who made it a point to visit saloons, pool parlors, etc., to learn the identity of young men who lounge about such places.

"They (the police) should go further than that," Mr. Luisi added. "They should take into the station house all boys unemployed and send for their parents. The police should point out to the fathers and mothers that their boys were in a fair way to become the criminals of tomorrow. In that way a check would be established."

"Police Headquarters should also establish an employment bureau. If men and boys became familiar with the working of the police—became convinced that the cops meant more than the uniformed man who chased them off the corner, ever ready to use his stick on them—there would be less crime."

"Education is what we need to prevent crime. Expert detectives are what we need to detect it. Under the present administration we unfortunately have neither."

Polish Premier to Resign

WARSAW, Jan. 2.—It was said in unofficial circles here to-day that Premier Witos probably would resign before the Diet reassembles on January 18. The resignation of Vice-Premier Daszynski has been confirmed.

Two Shot, One Stabbed In Gangsters' Battle

Five or Six Flee, Abandoning Wounded. When Policeman Rushes Up

Gangsters engaged in a gun and knife fight at Java and Franklin streets, Greenpoint, early yesterday, leaving two of their number shot and one stabbed on the sidewalk.

Patrolman Hofstad, of the Greenpoint Avenue station, heard a fusillade. As he ran to the scene five or six of the gunmen fled. Hofstad fired in the direction of the fugitives, but they escaped.

The three casualties were Frank McCabe, thirty-six years old, of 63 Franklin Street; William McCabe, thirty years old, of 150 West Street, Greenpoint, and John O'Hagan, thirty years old, of 59 Ainslie Street, Williamsburg.

O'Hagan was bleeding from a deep knife wound in the abdomen. William McCabe had two bullet wounds in the left side and cuts on the hands. Frank McCabe was shot in the back and cut on the hand.

The McCabes were taken to the Williamsburg Hospital and O'Hagan to Greenpoint Hospital. All are in a critical condition.

Detective O'Leary, of the Greenpoint station, endeavored to learn from the men who had been in the fight, but they stuck by the gangsters' code of ethics and refused to talk.

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